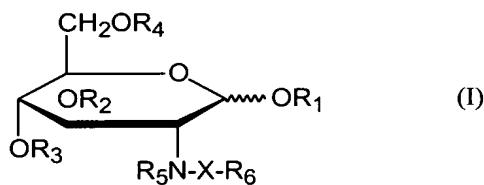


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An external preparation composition comprising:
 (a) at least one of acyl glucosamine derivatives derivative represented by the following Formula (I):



wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ each represent a hydrogen atom, a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched fatty acid residue having 2 to 36 carbon atoms or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms which may have a hydroxyl group, wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ and they may be the same or different each other;

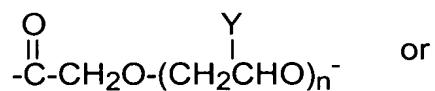
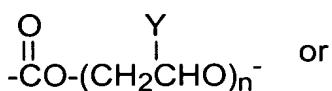
R₅ represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms which may have a hydroxyl group;

X is any one of the groups represented by the following Formulas (A) to (C):

(A)

(B)

(C)



wherein Y in (A) and (B) represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms in which an ether group may be interposed into a bond; and n represents an integer of 0 to 10; and

R₆ represents a linear or branched alkyl group or alkenyl group having 11 to 36 carbon atoms which may have a substituent; and

(b) at least one percutaneous absorption accelerator selected from the group consisting of isopropyl palmitate, isopropyl myristate, diisopropyl adipate, dioctyl succinate octyldodecyl lactate, oleic acid, ethyl oleate, decyl oleate, oleyl oleate, octyldodecyl oleate, propylene glycol oleate, urea and its derivatives, glyolic acid and its salts, lactic acid and its salts, salicyclic acid, ethanol, isopropanol, propylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, 1,3-butylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, cyclodextrin, polyethylene glycol/polydimethylsiloxane copolymers and creatinine.

2. (Currently Amended) The external preparation composition as described in claim 1, ~~wherein it is used as at least one of a wrinkle improving agent, a coarse texture improving agent, a skin roughness improving agent a whitening agent and a acne improving agent further comprising an additional chemically active substance having a skin care effect.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The external preparation composition as described in ~~claim 2~~claim 1, further comprising a percutaneous absorption accelerator and/or a chemically active substance having a skin care effect silicone oil and a silicone derivative.

4. (Currently Amended) The external preparation composition as described in ~~claim 3~~claim 2, further comprising a silicone oil and a silicone derivative.

5. (Currently Amended) The external preparation composition as described in claim 1, further comprising a silicone oil and a silicone derivative wherein the acyl glucosamine derivative is N-retinoyl-D-glucosamine in which R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ in Formula (I) each represent a hydrogen atom and X-R₆ in Formula (I) represents a retinoyl group containing cis type stereoisomer in a proportion of 0.5% or more based on the trans type.

6. (Currently Amended) The external preparation composition as described in ~~claim 2~~claim 5, further comprising a silicone oil and a silicone derivative an additional chemically active substance having a skin care effect.

7. (Currently Amended) The external preparation composition as described in ~~claim 3~~claim 5, further comprising a ~~silicon-~~silicone oil and a ~~silicon-~~silicone derivative.

8. (Currently Amended) The external preparation composition as described in ~~claim 1~~claim 6, ~~further comprising a pereutaneous absorption accelerator and/or a chemically active substance having a skin care effect~~silicone oil and a silicone derivative.

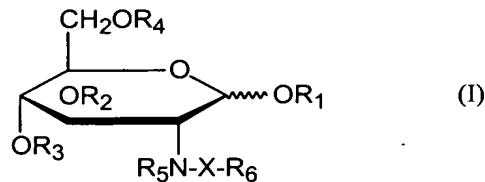
9. (New) The external preparation composition as described in claim 1, wherein the acyl glucosamine derivative is N-isostearoyl-D-glucosamine in which R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ in Formula (I) each represent a hydrogen atom and X-R₆ in Formula (I) represents an isostearoyl group.

10. (New) The external preparation composition as described in claim 9, further comprising an additional chemically active substance having a skin care effect.

11. (New) The external preparation composition as described in claim 9, further comprising a silicone oil and a silicone derivative.

12. (New) The external preparation composition as described in claim 10, further comprising a silicone oil and a silicone derivative.

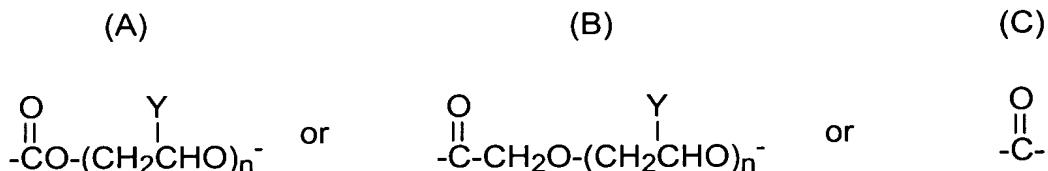
13. (New) A method for treating wrinkles, acne, coarse textured skin, and/or rough skin, and/or for whitening the skin, wherein said method comprises topically applying to the skin a composition comprising at least one acyl glucosamine derivative represented by the following Formula (I):



wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ each represent a hydrogen atom, a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched fatty acid residue having 2 to 36 carbon atoms or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms which may have a hydroxyl group, wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ may be the same or different;

R₅ represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms which may have a hydroxyl group;

X is any one of the groups represented by the following Formulas (A) to (C):



wherein Y in (A) and (B) represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms in which an ether group may be interposed into a bond; and n represents an integer of 0 to 10; and

R₆ represents a linear or branched alkyl group or alkenyl group having 11 to 36 carbon atoms which may have a substituent.

14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein said composition further comprises a percutaneous absorption accelerator and/or an additional chemically active substance having a skin care effect.

15. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein said composition further comprises a silicone oil and a silicone derivative.

16. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein said composition further comprises a silicone oil and a silicone derivative.

17. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the acyl glucosamine derivative is N-isostearoyl-D-glucosamine in which R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ in Formula (I) each represent a hydrogen atom and X-R₆ in Formula (I) represents an isostearoyl group.

18. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein said composition further comprises a percutaneous absorption accelerator and/or additional chemically active substance having a skin care effect.

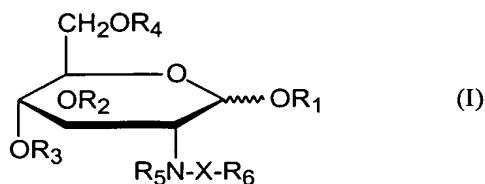
19. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein said composition further comprises a silicone oil and a silicone derivative.

20. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein said composition further comprises a silicone oil and a silicone derivative.

21. (New) A method for treating wrinkles and/or acne, and/or for whitening the skin, wherein said method comprises topically applying to the skin a composition comprising

at least one N-retinoyl-retinoyl-D-glucosamine derivative represented by the following

Formula (I):



wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ each represent a hydrogen atom; and

X-R₆ represents a retinoyl group containing a cis type stereoisomer in a proportion of 0.5% or more based on the trans type.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein said composition further comprises a percutaneous absorption accelerator and/or an additional chemically active substance having a skin care effect.

23. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein said composition further comprises a silicone oil and a silicone derivative.

24. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein said composition further comprises a silicone oil and a silicone derivative.